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Statewide EMS Advisory Council (SEMSAC)

AGENDA

July 2, 2020

Virtual Meeting

1:00pm – 3:00pm

- I. Call to Order – Mr. Tiemersma
 - Call the roll
- II. Approval of the June 4, 2020 SEMSAC meeting minutes
- III. MIEMSS Report – Dr. Delbridge
 - EMS Plan
- IV. SEMSAC Chair Report – Mr. Tiemersma
- V. MSFA Update
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - Optional Supplemental Protocol – Pediatric Ventilated Patient Transports
– Dr. Chizmar



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Via Conference Call Only Meeting Minutes

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SEMSAC Members Present: Wayne Tiemersma, Chairman; Karen Doyle, Vice Chair; John Filer; Michael Cox; Jeffrey Fillmore, MD; Michael Rosellini; Kathleen Grote; Tim Burns; Scott Haas; Keith McMinn; Murray Kalish, MD; Wayne Dyott; Melissa Meyers; Tim Kerns; Rosemary Kozar, MD (arrived 1:20 pm); Kathryn Burroughs; Jim Matz; Jennifer Anders, MD; Brian Frankel; Linda Dousa; Michael Millin, MD; Michael DeRuggiero

Members Absent: Wynee Hawk; Habeeba Park, MD; Justin Orendorf; Karen Vogel; Brian Frankel

MSPAC: Major Tagliaferri

MSFA: Kate Tomanelli

OAG: Mr. Magee; Ms. Sette

MIEMSS: Ted Delbridge, MD; Pat Gainer; Tim Chizmar, MD; Doug Floccare, MD; Dwayne Kitis; Jeannie Abramson; John Barto; Terrell Buckson; Michael Cooney; Alex Kelly; Randy Linthicum; Cyndy Wright Johnson; Jim Brown; Mark Bilger; Carole Mays; Mustafa Sidik; Barbara Goff

Mr. Tiemersma called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Tiemersma asked for approval of the June 4, 2020, SEMSAC meeting minutes.

ACTION: The June 4, 2020, minutes of SEMSAC with one correction were approved by acclamation.

MIEMSS Report

COVID-19

Dr. Delbridge presented the current statistics from the Maryland COVID-19 Status Dashboard; including the number of mechanical ventilators, patients hospitalized and bed availability.

Dr. Delbridge reviewed current EMS statistics on pre-hospital respiratory illness and COVID-19 PUIs treated and transported by public safety and commercial ambulance services. He said that the number of PUIs transported by EMS was declining, while the average number of overall patient transports was beginning to return to a more normal level.

Dr. Delbridge said the Governor's Executive Order Number 20-03-19-03, augmenting the Emergency Medical Services Workforce to Improve EMS response During the COVID Emergency is still in effect. He said the Order permitted certain statutory or regulatory provisions to be suspended.

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS is working on a protocol addendum allowing, after termination of resuscitation in the field, a BLS or ALS clinician to perform nasopharyngeal testing for COVID-19 if the deceased person is not anticipated to be a medical examiner's case. This addendum will alert for possible EMS personnel exposure and facilitate contract tracing by the Health Department.

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS has processed 705 Clinical Nurse Externs, with another 121 pending and 85 Clinical Respiratory Externs with 1 additional pending. He said that the EMS workforce had grown with the addition of over 900 provisionally licensed or certified EMS clinicians to Maryland.

Dr. Delbridge provided an overview of the requirements for EMS clinicians to transition from provisional status to full certification or licensure for each level of EMS clinician.

EMT Field Internship vs Psychomotor Testing

Dr. Delbridge said that the regulation requiring Internship prior to practical testing has been suspended.

CRISP

Dr. Delbridge said that MIEMSS continues work with CRISP for near real-time census data from hospital emergency departments into CRISP.

EMS Plan Vision 2020

Dr. Delbridge said that the work continues on incorporating suggested changes to the draft EMS Plan. Said that more than 80 people drafted sections of the plan, dozens of people provided written comments, more than 200 people attended the EMS Plan Summit and a considerable amount of time was spent reviewing the numerous draft documents by the EMS Plan Steering Committee and MIEMSS staff. He anticipates having the draft document ready for SEMSAC review in the next few weeks.

SEMSAC Report

Chairman Tiemersma said that although the agenda is light today, it is important to meet regularly.

He said MIEMSS presented a draft of the proposed Acute Stroke Ready and Primary Stroke regulations to the EMS Board for review at the June meeting.

MSFA

Ms. Tomanelli thanked Dr. Delbridge, Dr. Chizmar and Mr. Brown for participating and supporting the virtual MSFA convention. The MSFA plans to hold a two-day convention at the Arundel Live Casino in the fall.

Ms. Tomanelli said that the MSFA President Chuck Walker had appealed to Governor Hogan to alleviate the 10 million dollars in lost revenue to the MSFA due to the inability to fundraise during the pandemic.

SEMSAC Committee Reports

Regional Affairs Committee (RAC)

Mr. Smothers said that only \$1800.00 of the 50/50 grant monies would not be used. RAC is working to help ensure all grant paperwork is completed on time. He said that RAC would be reviewing the grants process for all grants.

Mr. Tiemersma said that he is working to develop a Mobile Integrated Health Workgroup as an ad hoc committee of SEMSAC. He asked for anyone interested in participating in the Workgroup to contact him.

New Business

Proposed Amendment to the Pediatric Ventilated Patient Transports

Dr. Chizmar presented the proposed amendment to the Optional Program: Transport of Chronic and Scene Ventilated Patients. (For patients greater than 8 years of age; for patients less than 8 years of age, jurisdictional EMSOP approval from State EMS Medical Director is required).

Dr. Chizmar said this was an “out of cycle” protocol change.

The amendment to the Pediatric Ventilated Patient Transport protocol was approved for recommendation to the EMS Board by acclamation.

Dr. Kalish asked that all the pictures of MIEMSS and EMS jurisdictions in future EMS Newsletters reflect only persons wearing masks.

A motion was made by Ms. Burroughs, seconded by Dr. Kalish, and unanimously approved to adjourn the SEMSAC adjourned at 1:35 pm.